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**VIA ECFS**

November 13, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: Notice of Consolidation of Commonly-Owned Study Areas  
Venture Communications Cooperative  
South Dakota Study Areas 391680 and 391688  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

On behalf of Venture Communications Cooperative ("Venture"), JSI respectfully submits the attached notice of consolidation in CC Docket No. 96-45. The attached provides the Wireline Competition Bureau notice of the consolidation effective January 1, 2018, of the Venture South Dakota study areas.

Please direct inquiries regarding this filing to the undersigned consultant for the Company.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall  
Vice President

on behalf of

Randy W. Houdek, General Manager/CEO  
Venture Communications Cooperative

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Ryan Palmer, Chief  
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Dear Mr. Palmer,

Venture Communications Cooperative ("Venture" or "Company") is an incumbent local exchange carrier which has two study areas in the state of South Dakota – Study Area Codes 391680 and 391688. Both study areas operate under the same Venture entity, and are recipients of Connect America Fund Broadband Loop Support.

Venture hereby notifies the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission") that effective January 1, 2018, the Company will consolidate the foregoing study areas with 391680 being the surviving study area. Pursuant to FCC precedent, no prior approval is required when commonly-owned existing study areas in the same state are consolidated.<sup>1</sup>

VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy W. Houdek".

Randy W. Houdek, General Manager/CEO

cc: Alexander Minard, FCC  
Suzanne Yelen, FCC  
Victor Gaither, High Cost Program, Universal Service Administrative Co.  
Carol Brennan, National Exchange Carrier Association

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Request for Clarification Filed by the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., and Petitions for Waivers Filed by Alaska Telephone Company, Ducor Telephone Company, and Kingsgate Telephone, Inc., Concerning the Definition of "Study Area" in the Part 36 Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules, AAD 95-173, AAD 96-29, AAD 96-51, Memorandum Opinion and Order. 11 FCC Red 8156, 8160 (Com. Carr. Bur. July 16, 1996).